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\$50,000 Settlement Reached with Clearwater Environmental Management, Inc.

Berkeley --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced it has reached a settlement with Clearwater Environmental Management, Inc. (CEM), doing business as Alviso Independent Oil, for hazardous waste violations at its facility located at 5002 Archer Street in Alviso, Santa Clara County. CEM stores and transfers hazardous waste at this location.

Under terms of the Consent Order (Order) signed in July 2004, CEM will pay \$50,000 in penalties to DTSC. A copy of the Order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC Web site at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Alviso_Oil/index.html.

The settlement stems from violations observed by DTSC inspectors during several inspections at the facility in November 2002. Violations noted were:

- Accepting corrosive waste not authorized under CEM's permit
- Failing to test incoming used oil for total halogens
- Failing to follow its Waste Analysis Plan when it accepted some hazardous waste
- Failing to adjust its closure cost estimate for its facility for the years 2001 and 2002
- Failing to make annual payments into its closure trust fund

CEM has corrected all violations noted during the inspection.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.